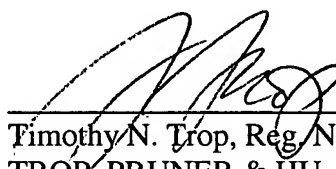


REMARKS

In response to the Restriction Requirement, the applicant provisionally elects Group ii and specifies that all the claims are readable on this embodiment. This restriction is with traverse. No rationale is provided for the restriction other than to state what the two species are. The assertion that "[t]he species are independent or distinct because in one embodiment there is no contact between spring members and a base, while in a second embodiment there is no contact between a base and a frame but there may be contact between spring members and the base" is merely a statement of conclusion and no basis for any type of restriction requirement. Every claim has differences. All this amounts to is a statement that there may be differences between different species or embodiments. That does not make them independent inventions. It is not the applicant's duty to postulate on what reasons the examiner might have had for the restriction. In the absence of any credible basis for the restriction requirement, it is traversed and should be withdrawn.

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